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POOR RICHARDS HOSTS OF BELGIAN HEROINE

Suzanne Silvercrucys Entertained at Luncheon—Pictures Her Country's Plight

GRATEFUL TO AMERICA

President of Club Presents Flag Typical of Friendship and Sympathy

Picture a slender girl, not much taller, as Rosalind would say, than a man's heart—a girl who is brimming with fun, but who, unlike most other girls of her age, is thinking night and day of one thing only, the sorrows of her own nation.

That is Suzanne Silvercrucys, today, at the Poor Richards Club, a roomful of business men tried to show her how deeply they honor the work she has done for her native country, Belgium. Miss Silvercrucys wore the costume of a Belgian peasant, girl, her long, dark curls falling about her cheeks. After the luncheon, at which she was the guest of honor, the president of the Poor Richards, Rowley Stewart, presented her with a beautiful American flag of silk, each of whose stars represented a contribution made to the Belgian relief fund by some member of the club who had been moved by her appeal for aid to rescue the afflicted people of Belgium. And with the flag went the promise of the club to present \$50 to the Belgian relief committee in her behalf on March 1.

FLAG PLEDGES SYMPATHY

"We want you to take this flag with you when you go back to Brussels," said Mr. Stewart, "as a reminder of the sympathy which we shall always have for the people of brave Belgium. Remember, if you will, that this flag is an exact duplicate, in size, in quality and in standard, of the flag which hangs above General Pershing's headquarters in France, and that, like General Pershing's flag, it is a pledge that Americans are fighting in Belgium's noble cause."

The little Belgian girl answered simply, with the delicious hint of accent that marks her English. Simply she told of the relief work which must be done within the boundaries of Brussels and outside them, without a word of the funds which are required for each branch of that work.

"Under the Pennsylvania Fund in Brussels," she said, "which cares for sick children and sick old persons, a daily ration is given to each person consisting of six slices of bread—not good Liberty bread like you have here, but black bread—half a slice of bacon, a quarter of a pound of peas, beans and coffee and a bowl of soup. An American member of the Belgian Relief Commission told me he tried that diet for a week and lost seven pounds. Yet that is all that can be spared."

PENNSYLVANIA LEADS. Pennsylvania has done more than any other State in the United States for Brussels. And I can't help thinking that is because the spirit of William Penn is still alive.

"Yesterday I sent \$1000 to the Cardinal Mercier Fund, administered within Brussels. You know there are many people too proud to accept soup, although their need is bitter. And Cardinal Mercier helps such people secretly from these funds sent to him. A third fund, distributed within Belgium, is that for saving the lives of little babies less than six months old. There are outside of Brussels are the hospitals of Belgian refugees who have been stricken with tuberculosis. There are also the children's hospitals in the free part of Belgium, where King Albert still stands and to which the countless children who are wounded by the bombs there is in Cannes in the south of France, the Hospital of Philadelphia, which has been standing since June, 1915, and over which floated the first American flag displayed in that section of France."

PATHOS AND PATRIOTISM

She paused and then added softly: "At night when I go home, if I am tired by my day's work, I tell myself that maybe, by your help, I have that day saved a little baby in Belgium. And then I am not tired any more!" "When the war broke out," she resumed, with a sudden flashing of her eyes that seemed like the expected stamp of a foot, "I was so 'mad' I wasn't a boy! But what I can do for Belgium that I shall do. Your American boys are going over there now. What a day!" "That was all she said. But the sudden flash of fire with which she said it brought a storm of cheers."

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GIRL SCOUTS TO SELL THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Nearly 3000 Will Take Part in Coming Campaign for War Bonds' Success



Photo-Crafters Photo. MISS ELLEN M. CASSATT She will have charge of the Girl Scouts' share in the forthcoming third Liberty Loan drive.

Girl Scouts of Philadelphia will take part in the forthcoming third Liberty Loan campaign, it was announced today. Nearly 3000 girls were made available as canvassers for the sale of the Government war bonds by the affiliation of the Girl Scout organization with the Women's Liberty Loan committee. Miss Ellen Mary Cassatt, scout commissioner, will have charge of the Girl Scouts' share in the women's drive, which will be directed by Mrs. Walter S. Thomson, with headquarters in the Lincoln Building.

"Our organization now is an authorized part of the women's Liberty Loan committee," said Scout Commissioner Cassatt today. "We hope to be successful canvassers. There is no slightest doubt about it. We are workers; we are trained in discipline; we are enthusiastic and energetic, and we are going to win. If all the workers enter into the campaign with the same vim and determination as the Girl Scouts and their devoted captain, the third Liberty Loan will go over the top in Philadelphia with flying colors."

Miss Cassatt's affiliation with the Liberty Loan work has become known in Girl Scout circles throughout the country, and it is estimated that fully 75,000 Girl Scouts soon will be selling bonds in cities and towns all over the United States. The girls, it was said at headquarters, will not be asked to become untrained in selling bonds, and will work under close supervision of the women on the committee.

Rodman Wanamaker in Reserves

Word comes from New York that Rodman Wanamaker has been appointed special deputy police commissioner, in charge of police reserves, replacing Inspector John F. Dwyer, who will be assigned to other duties. The reserves were formerly the famous Home Defense League, organized by Arthur Wood, former police commissioner, and have been reorganized and "revitalized" by Police Commissioner Dwyer.

Finds His Roomer Dead by Gas

A trail of gas led to the death of Walter Crane, thirty-five years old, of 226 Mount Vernon street last night. George Gallagher, proprietor of the rooming house, supplied gas and traced it to the door of the third floor flat, where Crane lived. All the cracks and crevices in the room were stuffed.

EX-SOLDIER, CRAZED BY BULLET INTO HEAD OF CAMDEN, SUFFERING, ENDS LIFE

Former Cavalryman Fires Bullet Into Head of Camden. Dies in Hospital

Fearing that the suffering caused by an injury received several months ago when he was training with a cavalry regiment at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., would make him insane, Edward Welch, twenty-one years old, 832 Lane street, Camden, committed suicide early today by shooting.

The former soldier was knocked down and trampled by a horse, and the resulting injuries made him unfit for further military duty. He was granted an honorable discharge. When he returned to Camden, he was unable to obtain employment because of the injury and soon became despondent. Shortly after 1 o'clock today, his brother Charles, heard a shot, and forcing his way into the former soldier's room, he found him lying on the floor with a bullet wound in his head. He was rushed to Cooper Hospital, but died soon after being admitted.

A sunderer, George, of whom Edward was very fond, is ill. Yesterday he heard a physician say that George was "very, very sick," and it is believed this hastened his intention to kill himself. A note, scribbled in lead pencil, was found in the room. It was addressed to his mother and read: "I thought I would let you know I was going to kill myself. If I got mad I only would kill somebody else. I fear nobody and in time I would get mad and kill somebody, so I thought I would kill myself, so good-bye and God bless you. I wish I could give my life for you as I would feel better dying that way. God bless you and Charles and all the folks. I hope George gets better. Good-bye. EDWARD WELCH."

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1000 MORE DRAFTEES TO LEAVE TOMORROW

Farewell Parties Throughout City Tonight for Latest Meade Quota

A thousand prospective draftees of Uncle Sam assembled at the headquarters of their local draft boards this afternoon and heard final instructions for their departure tomorrow for Camp Meade. There was an air of enthusiasm among the men, who showed clearly that they were anxious to prepare for action. In addition to informing them as to what personal belongings should be brought to camp, members of the draft board at many places gave the draftees a hearty heart-to-heart talk. They were reminded of the difference between military and civil life and the necessity of quick obedience to those in command.

All of those leaving tomorrow are excellent types of American manhood. The fact that peace talk is in the air again did not seem to affect them in the least. Most of the men expressed the hope that they would have opportunity to express their opinions in action "over there."

In hundreds of homes in Philadelphia tonight there will be farewell parties to honor of the boys who are going away. They will receive the quotas of their various districts. The last detachment of draftees of the first call will assemble at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station, six o'clock, fourth and Chestnut streets, tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock and leave on a special train for Camp Meade at 8:30.

Some of the delegations will be accompanied by family while others will march singly to the training point. West Philadelphia will be well represented in the throng. The following will go from this section of the city, completing the various district quotas: Twentieth District, Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster streets, six men; Thirty-second District, Sixty-third street and Lancaster avenue, fifteen; Forty-first District, Fifty-third street and Kingsessing avenue, thirty-two; Forty-second District, sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue, fifteen; Forty-eighth District, Fifty-seventh and Spruce streets, twenty-eight; Forty-ninth District, Fifty-fifth and Pine streets, twenty-three. Other districts will have equally good representation.

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MISS GRACE T. LUMMIS Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. T. Lummis, of 312 Linden street, Camden, whose engagement to Mr. Donald Campbell, of Montclair, N. J., has been announced.

CAMDEN NURSE TO WED MAN FROM MONTCLAIR

Romance Began in California Hospital, but Fiance Was Not Patient

In this romance that began in a California hospital the man was not a patient and the nurse did not minister to him, but they are going to be married just the same. The romance became known to Camden yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. William H. T. Lummis, 312 Linden street, announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace, to Donald Campbell, of Montclair, N. J. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Lummis, who was head nurse in the Los Angeles General Hospital, met Campbell a year ago when he was on a business trip to the California city.

Last week Miss Lummis returned to Camden preparing to go to Washington to take up training as a Red Cross army nurse for service in France. She was graduated from the Cooper Hospital training school in 1914 and was one of the most popular girls in Camden. Her father is head of the importing firm of Lummis & Co., 318 North Delaware avenue, this city.

THIRD WOMAN ACCUSES NEGRO OF ATTACKING HER

Suspect Identified by Two Others to Have Hearing on Another Today

A third woman today accused Elijah Mack, a powerful young negro, of 2114 Pittwater street, of attacking and severely beating her. The accusation followed the holding of Mack without bail for court yesterday after two women had accused him.

Mack was found and arrested by the police of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station on descriptions given by Mrs. Lenora Edinger, a young woman of 6413 Catherine street, and Miss Katherine Mullin, of 5414 Webster street. Both testified against him when he was arraigned before Magistrate Harris. They said he attacked them on the street, Mrs. Edinger Saturday night and Miss Mullin Friday, but they screamed and fought him until he fled.

HEARSE AND CAR COLLIDE

Man Severely Hurt on Way to Funeral in Philadelphia

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 26.—On the way to Philadelphia to get the body of Abraham Peary, who died at the Aired Men's Home, the hearse of H. J. Kosel, of Norristown, and a trolley car collided in Norristown, and Harry Pennypacker, a non-inhabitant of the town, was severely injured and was removed to the Norristown Hospital. The driver was only slightly hurt. The hearse was badly damaged.

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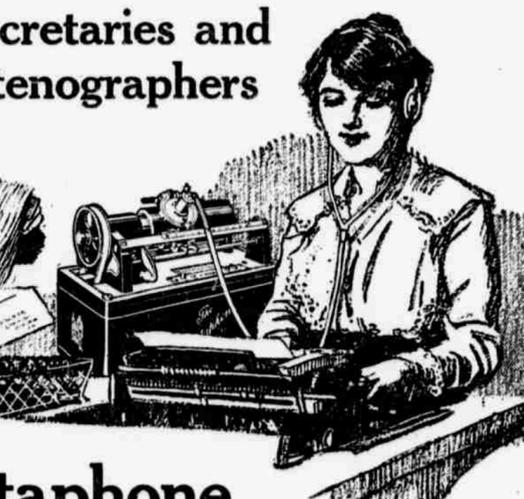
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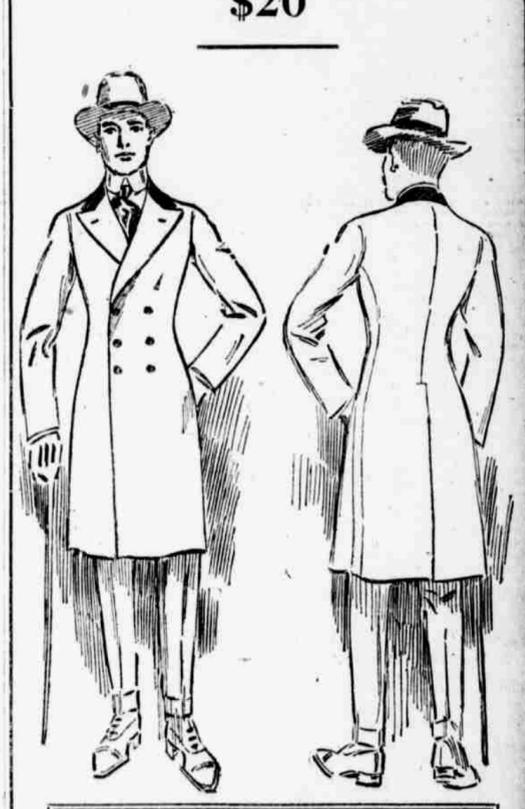
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